उक्त नीति और कार्यक्रम के कार्यान्वयन की परिवीक्षा करती है ।

किसानों के हितों को सुरक्षित रखने की दृष्टि से सरकार हर वर्ष कृषि, लागत व मूल्य आयोग की सिफारिश पर तिलहनों के लिए न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्यों की घोषणा करती है ।

सरकार मुख्य रूप से आबादी के कमजोर वर्गों की खुले बाजार मूल्यों से सुरक्षा प्रदान करने के लिए सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के जरिए खाद्य तेलों की भी आपूर्ति करती है ।

**Bridging legal profession under Consumer Protection Act**

13. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to stale:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring the legal profession under the purview of Consumer Protection Act, 1986; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) All services which are hired for a consideration, are covered under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. As such, the services rendered by legal profession which are hired for a consideration are covered under the Act.

**Strengthening of District Consumer Fora**

14. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that the District Consumer Fora have not been able to devote much time to dispose of the pending work because the District & Session Judge who is also the Ex. Officio Presiding Officer of the District Consumer Forum is already overburdened with normal work;

(b) whether Government propose to appoint whole time Presidmg Officers to these District Fora so that quick redressal may be given to the public;

(c) whether Government propose to strengthen these Fora with additional power to deal with such problems;

(d) if so, whether Government pro. pose to bring a legislation in this regard; and

(e) if so, what are the salient features of the proposed legislation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b; The responsibility of appointing Presidents of the District Forums rests with the respective State Governments. Recently, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of Civil Writ Petition No. 1141/88 has directed the State Governments to withdraw the sitting Judges in a phased manner and set up independent District Fora. These directions have been communicated to the State Government.

<c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Recently Government has promulgated the Consumer Protection (Amendment) Ordinance, 1993 which enables the State Governments to set up more than one District Forum depending on the work load, and confer additional powers on the Forums.

**Need to standardise the consumer goods**

15. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: WM the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CON-